

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION

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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: TRIBAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST PROGRAM:

ANNOUNCING THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF A COMPETITIVE REQUEST

FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is pleased to announce the impending release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Tribal Resource Specialist Program. OES anticipates releasing the Competitive RFP to the field during August 2007.

The purpose of the Tribal Resource Specialist Program is to facilitate the development of formal linkages, protocols, and resources between local, county, state, and federal judicial systems, and the tribe(s). The applicants awarded funding will serve as a central points of contact for three counties or regions throughout California, and help streamline referrals of tribal children identified as at risk of, or already victimized by child abuse and/or neglect. In addition, through collaboration with Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases and programs, the awarded projects will identify key issues tribal and non-tribal agencies should consider when serving tribal children.

The Children's Justice Act (CJA) funds the Tribal Resource Specialist Program. The amount of funds available for the first year of the Tribal Resource Specialist Program is \$300,000; each project is eligible for \$100,000. The initial grant period begins January 1, 2008 and ends December 31, 2008.

Applicants eligible to apply for the Tribal Resource Specialist Program must be federally recognized California Indian Tribes, consortiums of federally recognized tribes, or councils for federally recognized tribes. All applicants must demonstrate the ability to implement the program and achieve the program objectives.

Should you be interested in submitting a proposal the Tribal Resource Specialist Program, please consult the OES website during August 2007 at: <a href="www.oes.ca.gov">www.oes.ca.gov</a> / Law Enforcement & Victim Services Division / RFP Funding Information / Tribal Resource Specialist Program Request for Proposal. You may also request the RFP electronically or in paper copy via email to Norine.Hegy@oes.ca.gov, or by writing to: Norine Hegy, Senior Program Specialist, Victim Justice Section, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, 3650 Schriever Avenue, Mather, California 95655.

Should you need additional information prior to the release of the RFP, you may contact Lori Nosanow, Victim Justice Section Chief, at (916) 324-9216.

Sincerely,

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